FEDERAL AID PRIMARY ROUTE 310 U.S. 67 EXPRESSWAY FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MACOMB MORGAN, CASS, SCHUYLER, AND MCDONOUGH COUNTIES

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Submitted Pursuant to 42 USC 4332(2)(c) and 49 USC 303 by the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation

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The proposed action consists of constructing a 4-lane, partial access controlled, divided expressway, which would be approximately 99 kilometers (61.6 miles) in length. The project would extend from the Jacksonville Bypass on the south to U.S. 136 on the north. It traverses through Morgan, Cass, Schuyler, and McDonough counties. The proposed highway facility would provide improved transportation continuity, upgraded rural access, improved travel efficiency, and enhanced economic stability and development. The Draft EIS presented two alternative corridors for U.S. 67, and also evaluated the No-Build Alternative. The recommended alternative (Alternative E), as presented in this Final EIS, was selected based on review of impacts presented in the Draft EIS and comments received as a result of the public hearing and availability of the Draft EIS for agency and public review. The recommended alternative provides the best balance of social, economic, and natural resources impact and travel performance.